

## CLAIMS

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1. A container for bodily remains which comprises:  
2 flexible walls defining and enclosing an interior chamber of dimensions  
sufficient to accommodate said remains;  
4 a closable opening in said walls providing access to said interior  
chamber for placing said remains therein;  
6 said walls comprising a multilayer laminate comprising two layers of  
polymeric sheet material having adhered therebetween and coextensive  
8 therewith a layer of metal foil, said walls being impervious to gas and liquid;  
whereby when said remains are placed in said interior chamber and  
10 said opening is closed, gases and fluids generated by said remains are  
contained within said chamber and do not exude through said walls for an  
12 extended period of time.
  2. A container as in Claim 1 further comprising a openable and closable  
2 valve in said walls providing gaseous communication therethrough, whereby  
gas can be extracted from or injected into said chamber.
  3. A container as in Claim 2 wherein said valve accommodates a thin  
2 needle conduit for extraction or injection of gas and is self-sealing when said  
needle conduit is withdrawn from said valve, thereby preventing further  
4 transfer of gas across said walls.
  4. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said walls comprise a pair of sheets  
2 of material with aligned and coextensive peripheral areas, said peripheral  
areas sealed to each other except at said closable opening.
  - 4 5. A container as in Claim 4 wherein there are a plurality of said closable  
2 openings.
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~~5~~<sup>4</sup> 8. A container as in Claim ~~5~~<sup>4</sup> wherein said container is elongated in one dimension and there are two said closable openings, one at each end of said elongated dimension of said container.

~~6~~<sup>5</sup> 7. A container as in Claim ~~6~~<sup>5</sup> wherein said elongated container has a generally tubular configuration with said closable openings at the axial ends thereof.

~~7~~<sup>8</sup> 8. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said walls comprise at least three said polymeric layers and at least two metal foil layers interleaved thereamong.

~~8~~<sup>9</sup> 9. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said polymeric layers comprise layers of polyolefin, nylon, polyvinyl or equivalent polymeric sheet materials.

~~9~~<sup>10</sup><sup>8</sup> 10. A container as in Claim ~~9~~<sup>8</sup> wherein said polyolefin materials comprise polyethylene or polypropylene.

~~10~~<sup>11</sup> 11. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said metal foil comprises aluminum foil.

~~11~~<sup>12</sup> 12. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said laminate further comprises a layer of paper.

~~12~~<sup>13</sup><sup>11</sup> 13. A container as in Claim ~~12~~<sup>11</sup> wherein said paper comprises kraft paper.

~~13~~<sup>14</sup> 14. A container as in Claim 1 of a size commensurate with the accommodation of human remains within said chamber. ✓

~~14~~<sup>15</sup> 15. A container as in Claim 1 of a size commensurate with the accommodation of animal remains within said chamber.

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~~15~~ 16. A plurality of said containers as in Claim 1 in elongated configuration  
 2 and joined at the respective ends thereof to form a continuous series of said  
 containers.

~~16~~ 17. A plurality of containers as in Claim ~~16~~<sup>15</sup> coiled into a roll configuration,  
 2 whereby individual containers can be separated seriatim therefrom .

~~17~~ 18. A container formed by being severed from one end of said roll  
 2 configuration of Claim ~~17~~<sup>16</sup>.

Sub a<sup>2</sup> → ~~19~~ 19. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said closable opening is closable by  
 2 heat sealing or chemical adhesion.

a ~~19~~ 20. A container as in Claim ~~19~~<sup>18</sup> comprising a plurality of said closable  
 2 openings, each of which is ~~closable~~<sup>sealable</sup> by heat sealing or chemical adhesion.

~~20~~ 21. A container as in Claim 1 wherein said closable opening is  
 2 permanently sealed upon closure.

Sub a<sup>3</sup> → ~~22~~ 22. A container for bodily remains which comprises:  
 2 flexible walls defining and enclosing an interior chamber of dimensions  
 sufficient to accommodate said remains;  
 4 a closable opening in said walls providing access to said interior  
 chamber for placing said remains therein;  
 6 said walls comprising sheet material impervious to gas and liquid, said  
 material being capable of having individual portions thereof adhered to each  
 8 other in a liquid- and gas-tight bond;  
 whereby when said remains are placed in said interior chamber and  
 10 said opening is closed by said bonding of those portions of said material  
 surrounding said opening, gases and fluids generated by said remains are  
 12 contained within said chamber and do not exude through said walls for an  
 extended period of time.

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~~22~~ 23. A container as in Claim ~~22~~ wherein said adhered bond comprises a  
2 heat sealed bond.

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~~23~~ 24. A container as in Claim ~~22~~ wherein said adhered bond comprises a  
2 chemically adhered bond.

<sup>21</sup>  
~~24~~ 25. A container as in Claim ~~22~~ wherein said container comprises a  
2 segment of an extended tubular body, said segment being formed by being  
severed from one end of said body.